

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A single-use hygiene item having an absorbent element for absorbing and retaining bodily fluid and having an analysis device for measuring a composition of ~~for~~ the bodily fluid, characterized in that the analysis device is disposed at an area of the hygiene item on which the bodily fluid to be analyzed can impinge and is separated in an essentially fluid-tight manner from the absorbent element by a separating means, so that bodily fluid passed by a user to be analyzed can reach the analysis device directly, but bodily fluid that has penetrated to the absorbent element is retained by the separating means away from the analysis device[.], to prevent the bodily fluid contaminated by the absorbent material from falsifying an analysis of the analysis device.

2. (Currently Amended) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 1, wherein the separating ~~medium~~ means forms an insert in the absorbent element containing the analysis device.

3. (Amended) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 2, wherein the insert is ~~dish-shaped:~~ formed in the shape of a disk.

4. (Previously Presented) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 2, wherein the insert has sidewalls extending up on a side facing the body.

5. (Currently Amended) The hygiene item in accordance with ~~claim2~~ claim 2, wherein edges of the insert are folded over on an upper side.

6. (Previously Presented) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 2, wherein the insert is delineated by a fluid-impermeable film.

7. (Previously Presented) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 2 wherein the insert is located essentially flush-mounted with the upper side of the absorbent element facing the body.

8. (Previously Presented) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 2, wherein the analysis device is positioned up against one side of the separating means.

9. (Previously Presented) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 2, wherein the analysis device has a visual display unit.

10. (Currently Amended) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 8, wherein a side of the separating means, against which the analysis device is disposed, is made transparent, at least in the area of the analysis device, so that a visual reading of ~~the~~ a display unit is possible.

11. (Previously Presented) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 2, wherein the separating means containing the analysis device is separable from the hygiene item.

12. (Previously Presented) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 2, wherein the separating means containing the analysis device is detachably fastened to the hygiene item by means of one of an adhesive and a touch-sensitive means of attachment.

13. (Previously Presented) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 2, wherein the insert containing the analysis device has a fluid absorbing and transport layer which transfers the bodily fluid to the analysis device.

14. (Previously Presented) The hygiene item in accordance with claim 13, wherein the fluid absorbing and transport layer comprises cellulose fibers without the addition of superabsorbent polymer materials.

15. (Currently Amended) An analysis device including a visual display unit visible through a transparent area, the device for measuring the composition of bodily fluids that do not contain absorbent element materials[,] in a single-use hygiene item ~~having an~~ wherein the absorbent element ~~to absorb~~ absorbs and ~~retain~~ retains bodily fluids.